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SUBJECT: DRV ISSUES PRESS RELEASES ON LIAISON FLIGHTS AND FPJMT
MEETIN ABSENCE

1. AT REGULAR SATURDAY PRG PRESS CONFERENCE, DRV RPT
DRV REP ISSUED SEPARATE PRESS RELEASES ON SAIGON-HANOI
LIAISON FLIGHTS AND ON US/GVN COMPLAINTS REGARDING FAILURE
OF DRV DEL TO APPEAR FOR JULY 17 FPJMT MEETING.

2. TWO PAGE "PRESS COMMUNIQUE" ON LIAISON FLIGHTS
DECLARES THAT FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE WEEKS US HAS UNILATERALLY
AND ILLEGALLY CANCELLED FLIGHTS. AT SAME TIME, RELEASE
ASSERTS, THE US AND SAIGON SIDES HAVE TRIED TO PROLONG
DISCUSSIONS BY REFUSING TO DISCUSS "LOGICAL AND REASONABLE
PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY RSVN-PRG MILITARY DELEGATION
AND DRVN MILITARY DELEGATION" REGARDING GRAVES, CEMETERIES,
AND GRAVES VISITATIONS THUS OBSTRUCTING WORK OF FPJMT AND
DELAYING IMPLEMENTATION OF PARIS AGREEMENT. COMMUNIQUE
DECLARES THAT PARA 8 (E) OF AGREEMENT CALLS FOR "FREQUENT AND
REGULAR LIAISON FLIGHTS" AND DESCRIBES US INSISTENCE UPON SAFETY
CERTIFICATE AS UNREASONABLE UNILATERAL DEMAND USED AS A PRETEXT
TO CANEL FLIGHTS. BOTH DEVELOPMENTS ARE DESCRIBED AS "VIOLATIONS"
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PROTESTED BY DRV DEL.

3. SEPARATE RELEASE ASSERTS THAT DRV DEL HAD "PARTICULAR INCONVENIENCE" AND GAVE "CLEAR AND LEGITIMATE REASONS" FOR ITS ABSENCE PRIOR TO THE JULY 17 FPJMT MEETING. IT HOLDS THAT US AND SAIGON SIDES DID NOT WANT TO UNDERSTAND DRV REASONS SPREAD FALSE INFORMATION TO SERVE THEIR INTENTIONS, AND THUS TRIED TO JUSTIFY DELAYS THEY HAVE CAUSED IN THE WORK OF THE FPJMT.

4. FULL TEXTS BY POUCH TO EA/VN.
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